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CSG STUDY

A Council of State Governments consulting team, consisting of Vic Hellard, director of Kentucky's Legislative Research Commission; John Lawson, Attorney from Georgia; William D. Hanson, Washington State Printer; Vernon Lundquist, Iowa's Superintendent of Printing; and Mike Kannensohn, CSG Coordinator, Field Operations, was in Helena May 12-May 15 to study the Legislative Council's administrative operations and its staffing system as well as that of the Legislature itself. The team members interviewed many legislators and Council staff. The study results will be presented in a preliminary report to the Legislative Council at its June 26 meeting.

COUNCIL
MEETING
JUNE 26DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION
STUDY

The Department of Administration, through its Analyst, Sib Clack, has recently concluded the second part of a project designed to study the Council's automated word processing and text editing capabilities and needs.

COUNCIL STAFF
FILLED

The process of replacing lost research staff members is now complete. Primary contacts for interim study committees with new staff are:

Branching of Financial Institutions - Paul Verdon
 Payments In-Lieu of Taxes/Mandates - Andi Merrill
 Retirement Systems - Lois Menzies
 Indian Affairs - Anne Brodsky

Feel free to contact any of these people for information or assistance.

ANNEXATION

MEETING TO BE
HELD IN JULY

The Study Committee on Annexation plans to meet sometime in July. As of publication, the date of the meeting has not been set. Interested persons should watch for the establishment of the next meeting date.

CORRECTIONS

MEETING
JUNE 20

The Interim Study Committee on Corrections Policy and Facility Needs will meet on June 20. The Committee will review draft legislation to revise sentencing laws.

The Committee will be selecting several Committee members to meet with the Montana Association of Judges to discuss the Committee's proposals to revise the sentencing laws.

BRANCHING OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

NEXT MEETING
JUNE 17

A meeting of the Study Committee on Branching of Financial Institutions is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, in the State Senate Chambers. The meeting will be a working session to review information gathered by the Committee and to formulate tentative recommendations.

ENERGY FORECASTING

JUNE 17
MEETING SET

Tuesday, June 17, is the date for the next meeting of the Energy Forecasting Committee. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 415 of the Capitol. At this meeting, the Committee will receive information from the Energy Division of DNRC and from the Public Service Commission on their potential program, funding, and personnel needs for a limited forecasting review capability. Following review of this information, the Committee will begin formulating final recommendations.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

HEARINGS SET
ACROSS STATE

The Select Committee on Indian Affairs will soon hold public hearings on or near the seven Indian reservations in Montana. The Committee seeks testimony on two bills already drafted - one to authorize the existence of agreements between public agencies and the tribes, the other to make the Indian Affairs Committee a permanent legislative committee. The Committee also wishes to receive public recommendations as to other subjects for future consideration by the Committee.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

Crow - Thursday, June 5, 1980, 1:00 p.m., Tribal Administrative Office, Conference Room, Crow Agency

Northern Cheyenne - Friday, June 8, 1980, 9:00 a.m.,
Tribal Office, Tribal Council Chambers, Lance, Deer

Flathead - Wednesday, June 11, 1980, 9:00 a.m., Tribal
Council Chambers, Pablo

Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy - Friday, June 14, 1980,
1:00 p.m., Northern Montana College, Crowley Confer-
ence Room, Second Floor of Student Union Building,
Havre

Fort Peck - Saturday, June 14, 1980, 9:00 a.m.,
Wolf Point Courthouse, Courtroom

The hearing on the Blackfoot Reservation will not be
scheduled until the end of June.

NCSL MEETING CONDUCTED IN HELENA

The NCSL Commission on State-Tribal Relations held a
hearing in Helena on May 28 and 29 on governmental
and tribal cooperation in the areas of natural re-
sources, wildlife management, and environmental
issues. Panelists from a number of western and mid-
western states emphasized the necessity for on-going
communication between the governments and the tribes,
and the importance of finding narrow areas of agree-
ment from which to start negotiations.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT

MEETING JULY 12

The next meeting of the Revenue Oversight Committee
is scheduled in Room 104, State Capitol, on July 12,
1980, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Committee is continu-
ing its study of Montana's Greenbelt law, the liquor
license quota system, and general taxation issues.

COAL TAX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING JUNE 18

The next meeting of the Coal Tax Oversight Subcom-
mittee is scheduled for June 18, 1980, in Billings.
The meeting will be held at the Family Billings Library
(First Floor Conference Room) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

BELDEN DANIELS' RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARIZED

At the last meeting of the Coal Tax Oversight Subcom-
mittee, Professor Belden Daniels of Harvard discussed
issues related to natural resource taxation. Pro-
fessor Daniels complimented Montana on its unified
Investment Board and the Board's current good per-
formance. Professor Daniels suggested, however, that
Montana may be investing her money too cautiously.
He insisted that the state must establish a world-wide
investment portfolio capable of real earnings after
inflation.

Professor Daniels also noted that the savings function of state finance should be complemented by an economic development function. The Professor outlined a Montana Development Finance Authority for the Subcommittee. He cited soundly managed programs in several other states that Montana could investigate in establishing such a development finance authority.

Professor Daniels said that the state long-range goal should be a more diversified economy, independent of nonrenewable resources.

Copies of Professor Daniels' written presentation are available from the Legislative Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

MEETING
JUNE 13 TO
REVIEW OPEN
BURNING RULES
AND STATE
FORMS

The Administrative Code Committee will hold a meeting on June 13, 1980, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 139 of the State Capitol. The Committee will review issues 8, 9, and 10 of the 1980 Montana Administrative Register (MAR) and will hear a presentation by representatives of the state Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning the possible amendment of state air pollution control regulations on open burning, as those regulations concern the disposal of certain types of solid wastes.

The Committee will also hear a request by the Montana Chamber of Commerce, asking the Committee to request that the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences prepare a statement of the estimated economic impact of the adoption of certain ambient air quality standards proposed by the Department in 1980 MAR Issue No. 3, pp. 456-462. Representatives of DHES will respond to the request of the Committee.

The Committee will also continue its review of state government forms required by HB 287.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING
JUNE 23

The Legislative Audit Committee will meet June 23, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

SUNSET

Public sunset hearings will be held on the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS
AVAILABLE

Copies of all reports are available from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, Room 135, State Capitol, telephone 449-3122.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

MEETING
JUNE 20

The next Environmental Quality Council meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 20, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 415 in the State Capitol.

Included in the agenda will be a report on permitted oil by Chairman Dennis Natch. Other items to be discussed include the Paglia Well, HJR 60, the oil and Gas Leasing Program, and bentonite.

July 22 is the tentative date set for the National Conference of State Legislatures presentation on small scale hydro development in Montana.

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

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FRIDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

SUNDAY

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LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

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